

Gastornis, standing 1.4 meters tall, was a herbivorous animal with a massive beak. It roamed the tropical swamps of Geiseltal during the Eocene epoch alongside ancient horses, crocodiles, and turtles.

Researchers emphasize the role of museum collections in new discoveries. For example, previous assumptions that Gastornis was a predator have been disproven, showing that it fed on plants.